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of her kids or one of their friends, they don't know if Shelley's at home or, for that matter, who Shelley is. We're not sure how many children she has or who's related to who. We just assume everyone's related in the household, notwithstanding Senator Wickersham's definition of "relative". (Laughter) Shelley and I car-pooled from time to time throughout her four years here. We'd get immersed in philosophical discussions about various issues and we never failed to solve all of Nebraska's problems in 50 miles. I'll never forget the day she read an article to me concerning rail mass transit. That article has haunted the entire Legislature for the last three years. We've had to endure bills, hearings, studies, and deal with constant funding problems dealing with this idea. It would have been great if she had gotten her brainchild to leave the station but, alas, Harold Andersen didn't like it. Guns: Shelley is not a friend of firearms. The NRA has put her on their list of most hated lawmaker, just after Bill Clinton. I love it when she comes up with amendments expressing her distaste for concealed weapons in iambic pentameter, with apologies to Dr. Seuss. What will we do when we won't have to guard our bills anymore for fear Shelley will attach her Neighborhood Development Cash Fund bill onto it? As we all know, just because a policy is not adopted doesn't mean it isn't worthy of trying to pass over and over and over. When Shelley came to this body, she had a healthy frumpiness to her like some other folks in here I won't name. We attended a dinner given by the Women Physicians of Omaha, where she met a doctor who had lost a lot of weight. The next time we saw her she was a shadow of her former self. The only problem was the diet she chose. The lobbyists nearly went out of their minds trying to find a restaurant that would serve meat, only meat, just meat. Now she's going on to bigger things. She's running for Congress of the United States from District 2. Wow! The hope is she will overcome her disability, in that she is punctually challenged, but we all know she's thin, she's fit, she's tanned, ready to run, ready to raise money, lots of money, but most of all she's ready to serve. We wish you all the luck in the world, Shelley, and thank you for serving the people of Nebraska and for your willingness to continue to serve us in Washington, DC. Good luck. (Applause)

SENATOR KIEL: She's right. Here we go. I'm not entirely sure